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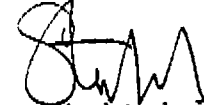
Dear Minister Caceres:

Late last month I sent you a letter (which I copy herewith) concerning the development of a conference (tentatively scheduled for successive presentations at MIT and in Montevideo in early 2000) with the theme of "Scientific Innovation in Structure and Construction with Traditional Materials."

This topic has won the interest of many with whom I have discussed it. For the preliminary planning session scheduled for 1 June at Alzella, we have the confirmed participation of noted architects and engineers: Thomas Herzog of Munich, Jörg Schlaich of Stuttgart, Edward Allen of MIT (author of some of the most-used books on the elements of materials, construction, and structure), and of course the two engineers from the Dieste firm in Montevideo and you.

The enthusiasm for this topic is such that I believe we can do something of importance for the fields of civil engineering and architecture — and through this make a fine and appropriate celebration of Eladio Dieste. But these larger ambitions will surely require significant support from Uruguay. I hope you can give me some assurance in this matter, as I am claiming the valuable time of some significant people in anticipation of more than a friendly but terminal discussion at Alzella on 1 June.

With best wishes,



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